

House Resolution No. 2147

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in silent reverie to recognize the lifetime achievements of an outstanding citizen who positively touched the lives of countless individuals during her eighty-six-year journey on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, this legislative body was distressed to learn of the recent death of Lillie Mae Hinch Johnson, a remarkable individual who was an inspiration to all who knew and loved her; and

Whereas, Lillie Johnson was born to Isaac and Mary Gardner in Minter City, Mississippi, on May 20, 1916, and was living in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 19, 2003, when God took her home to the love and beauty of His everlasting light; and

Whereas, Lillie Johnson will be greatly missed by her grieving family whose members include her husband, Robert Johnson; her children and their spouses, Edwina and Rivers Brown and Keith and Linda Hinch; three grandsons and one granddaughter-in-law, Robert and Dayna Christian, Toussaint Hinch, and Isaac Hinch; one granddaughter, Lindsay Hinch; one great-granddaughter, Chedaya Brown-Hinch; one great-grandson, Robert Michael Christian; and a host of other family members and friends; and

Whereas, Lillie Johnson had also nurtured a very special relationship of love and devotion with other members of her family who preceded in death, including her first and second husbands, Edward Samuel Hinch and Douglas Benjamin; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Lillie Johnson had further distinguished herself as a founding member of St. James United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning knowing Lillie Johnson is safe in God's arms and we too one day will fly away to be with her again:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in paying final tribute to Lillie Johnson and in expressing to her family our deepest sympathy at this difficult time of tremendous personal loss; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Lillie Mae Hinch Johnson.

Offered by _____
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks
District No. 37

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2147, adopted April 24, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker